



BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH.
Thirtieth and Dearborn Sts., Chicago.

SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF REV. W. D. COOK, D.D., PASTOR OF BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

The Rev. W. D. Cook, D.D. was born of slave parents in Warrenton, N. C. At the early age of 17 years he was converted in the A. M. E. Church of his native town, and the following year was admitted to the North Conference and has spent thirty-eight consecutive years in the ministry of the A. M. E. Church, having served from the humblest mission and circuit to the leading charges that carry with them grave responsibilities and has given to each a successful administration.

He was educated in the public schools, attended Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., and graduated from the Theological Department of Harvard University in 1883.

Dr. Cook has served the following appointments: Layeterville, N. C.; Darham, N. C.; Winston, N. C.; Norfolk, Va.; Wilmington, Delaware; Mother Bethel, Phila.; Frankfort, Pa.; Brooklyn, N. Y.; New York City; Atlantic City; St. Louis, Mo.; Quinn Chapel, Chicago, and is now serving Bethel Church, Chicago.

He built the large commodious church at Norfolk, Va., and burned the mortgage of long standing of Bridge St. Church, Brooklyn, and has done some of the hardest work of his great connection.

He succeeded the Rev. T. A. Smythe (deceased) at Bethel and is carrying the work forward to unprecedented success. The immense church is crowded at every service and it is necessary to hold an overflow service on Sunday mornings.

Dr. Cook is greatly beloved and respected by the people of Chicago in general, and particularly by the members of his present charge. He is a forceful, eloquent speaker, combines large executive ability with broad business experience, and is making Bethel a strong factor in the religious life of the community.

25TH PASTOR.

REV. WILLIAM D. COOK, P. S.

It was evident several months be-

fore the death of Rev. Smythe that he could not recover from his sickness. All eyes were focused on Bethel. What man should fill the pulpit was on the minds of many. The officers in due respect would not suffer the question to be mentioned while Rev. Smythe continued to live, feeling sure that his place would be acceptably filled when he passed away. Rt. Rev. Bishop Benjamin F. Lee, being present at the funeral, when approached by the officers of the church, informed them he would appoint as Rev. Smythe's successor any one of the Pastors in the Chicago district to Bethel whom the officers may ask for; provided such change would not be detrimental to the church or the position the preacher was then serving. The officers favored the appointment of Rev. W. D. Cook, then Presiding Elder. The choice met the approval of the Bishop and he made the appointment. Rev. W. D. Cook received his appointment from the Bishop March 21st and assumed charge immediately. Rev. Cook is one among the ablest preachers in the connection. During his forty-two years of service he has served successfully some of the largest churches among our people in the United States.

His reputation as a forcible pulpit- orator and spiritual leader has never been questioned by preachers or laymen. Steady progress and success have marked the labor of this efficient minister in all the churches he has served. His first communion service held in Bethel, April 9th, 656 persons partook of the holy communion. This number is a record breaker of communicants served at the same time in any A. M. E. Church in the northwest. The strongest evidence showing the loyalty of the members and the people of Bethel who worship therein to Rev. Cook is given in the financial statement of the week of April 10th; membership dues paid for the week \$211.60; public collection, Sunday, April 9th, \$111.66; from other collections, same day, \$37.35; total, \$360.61. Rev. Cook is therefore credited with the highest record of communicants at the Lord's table and money paid without any

special effort on his part or that of the officers at any quarterly meeting services in the history of the church. Indeed, no pastor has ever been received by the members of Bethel with greater expressions of cordiality and devotion. It must be admitted any large church carries with it not only on Sundays, but every day in the week great and numerous responsibilities which can only be successfully carried on by its Pastor possessing constructive ability, religious zeal, physical power and financial shrewdness—Bethel with its well-organized and harmonious workers of officials, great, Sunday School and Allen Christian Endeavor Society, three powerful choirs, rendering service every Sunday, one for the regular morning and evening services; one for the morning overflow meetings held in the lecture room; one for the Allen Endeavor League, together with the Sunday school orchestra, all rendering faithful service every Sunday and the several well organized working clubs, presents a very formidable combination to strengthen Rev. Cook in his pastoral position. Back of this host are the members and a vast multitude of God loving people who regularly worship in Bethel. Surely Rev. Cook can with propriety stand among the grand galaxy of great and good men in the Centennial Conference in Philadelphia and point to loyal Bethel as second to none in the great African Methodist connection, and also with pardonable pride say: "I am the twenty-fifth pastor in succession of the great lighthouse of African Methodism of the west, a lighthouse with the brilliancy of a powerful searchlight casting its rays in every direction, a lighthouse filled with humble followers of the blessed Savior, the Prince of Peace."

NATIONAL NEWS NOTES.

Brief Bits of News and Comment on Men and Women.

BRINGING NEGRO LABORERS.

Pennsylvania Railroad Officials Seek Men in the South for Unskilled Work.

Philadelphia, Pa.—More than 5,000 Negroes from Georgia and other Southern States have been brought to this city within the past few weeks by the Pennsylvania Railroad officials in an effort to solve the labor problem. Two thousand men arrived last week and are being subjected to the physical examination required by the rules of the road. Most of them will be put to work on the Pennsylvania grain elevator at Girard point.

Agents of the railroad have been at work in various Southern cities more than a month and all have had trouble with the authorities, most of which is cleared up, according to officials of the road here. These agents have been hiring Negroes ranging in age from sixteen to sixty years for unskilled work, offering from \$1.50 to \$2 a day.

The railroad has discovered that it will not end labor shortage merely to import enough men for the immediate need. In the first batch brought from the South about a month ago, 200 or 300 men secured through Southern employment agencies, quit their jobs within a few weeks. These men were employed on improvement and construction work within a radius of ten miles of Philadelphia, and according to the railroad officials, left to accept jobs with contractors or around munitions plants. It is hoped that the others now being brought in will realize the great opportunity being given them and that they will "stay on the job," instead of quitting as soon as they get a little money ahead.

How High Finance Sees a Present Day Craze.

New York, N. Y.—John H. Davis and Company, Bankers, 10 Wall Street, New York, in their financial circular issued regularly discuss the present day tendency to regulate by law nearly every liberty of the individual. These bankers say:

"It never has been our practice to discuss in these circulars subjects not generally recognized as having direct bearing upon the financial and industrial situation. At this time, however, we find good reason to depart from this rule for the purpose of pointing out the dangerous and evil possibilities of the present craze that is disturbing economic and political conditions in so many parts of the country.

"There is a great mass of available testimony that goes to show that in most American communities where Prohibition has been put in force, its chief efforts have been to drive liquor from the open to cover, to make law-breakers of the people and to displace the milder harmless beverages with spirits less bulky but more powerful and destructive to morals and health. There are prohibition localities in amazing number where the quantity of alcoholic liquors imported is proportionately far in excess of the consumption in places where the traffic is quite free.

"It is in these States that Prohibition is supposed to be most necessary, by

reason of the extensive Negro population, and yet it is the testimony of many of the most reputable Southern newspapers, backed by various court records, that marked increase in crime has followed closely upon the adoption of anti-liquor laws, attributable directly to the immediate development of illicit traffic. In such localities, as everywhere in dry territory, the closing of the openly conducted shop and bar has meant the multiplication of the secret still, the prompt appearance of the "bootlegger" and the opening of the illegal den with all its vicious features. It is the admission of many employers of labor, especially in mining, lumbering and kindred industries, that whereas Prohibition seemed desirable before it was enforced, its result has been increased drunkenness and greater loss of efficiency, this by reason of the use of secretly purchased and quickly consumed liquor of far greater stupefying and poisoning power than that which was available when the traffic was open."

THE MEASURE OF MEN.

When a vacancy occurs in a great concern or industry the employer casts about him for a man big enough to fill it. When he finds his man he begins to examine his credentials, inquire about his standing among men, study his life, his experience, character and reputation. In the last analysis he goes to the man's record, but he wants also to know what men think of him. Has he any friends? Does he keep them?

So, in the selection of a candidate for Governor it is well for the republican voters to devote a little time in the closing days of the campaign to the consideration of their candidate. One stands out prominently. In stating this, The State Journal gives it on excellent authority.

Frank O. Lowden—as a man, friend and candidate—has the approval of Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman, Justice James H. Cartwright, former Governor Joseph W. Fifer, Rev. F. W. Gunsaulus, the eloquent Chicago divine, Rev. F. O. Sheets, superintendent of the Aurora district of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the Rev. Johnston Myers, one of the greatest home missionaries Chicago has ever produced. Without exception they speak of him after an acquaintance extending over twenty years. If all of them did not believe him to be honest and square nothing could induce them to indorse him. They are good citizens themselves and they have high ideals to which they believe Colonel Lowden measures. Then there are B. F. Harris, of Champaign, former president of the Illinois Bankers' Association, and John V. Farwell, of Chicago, great merchant and worker in the cause of the Young Men's Christian Association, in which he has a world-wide reputation. It would be difficult to find two men with greater interest in young men than these. They believe Colonel Lowden worthy the support of all men. Is it likely they would tell their friends Lowden will make a great Governor if they did not believe it? They know men, they love Illinois, believe in its future and want to do something constructive to make the future of the state brighter.

All of these men believe Colonel Lowden measures up to the high standard they have set for a Governor. From his rich experience of twenty years on the Illinois supreme bench and two decades as a neighbor of Lowden in Ogle county, Justice Cartwright declares him to be "the ideal standard bearer of the Republican party."

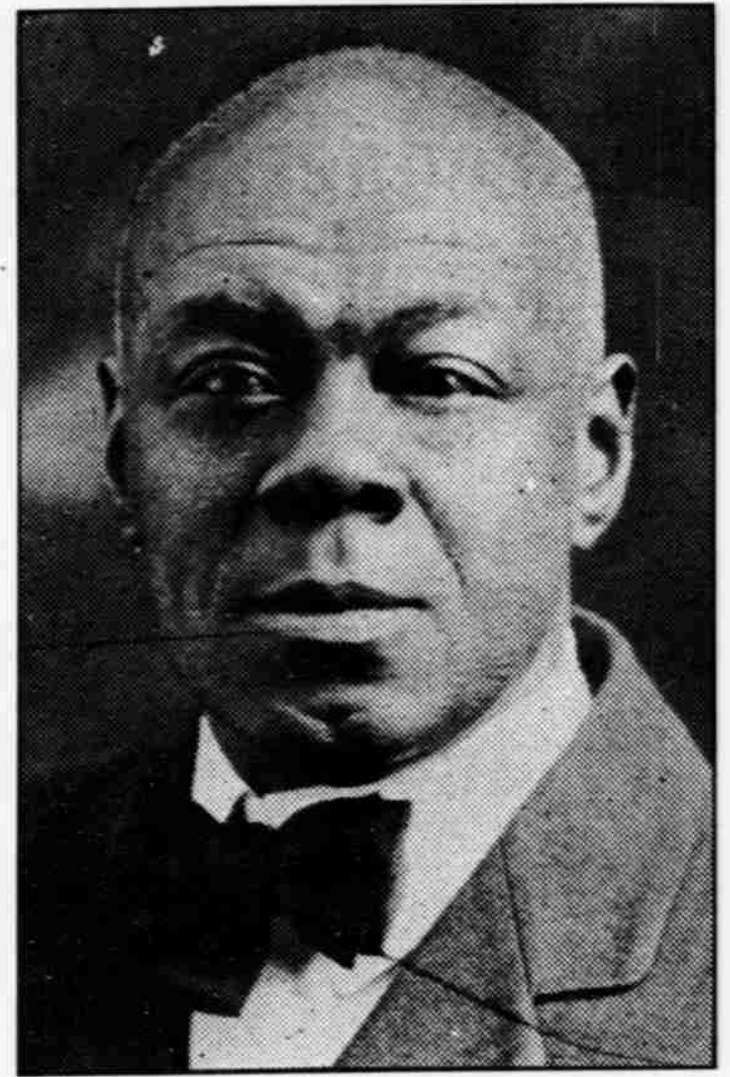
Is the unqualified approval of men like these, Mr. Voter, sufficient to convince you of the fitness of Frank O. Lowden for Governor? If it is not, then you are hard to please. The State Journal believes the people of Illinois will give Colonel Lowden an overwhelming indorsement at the primary, Wednesday, September 13.

HON. CHARLES S. WHARTON, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR THE NOMINATION FOR JUDGE OF MUNICIPAL COURT.

Among the many worthy candidates for judges of the Municipal Court, none is better fitted for that position in every way than Mr. Wharton, who is 41 years old. He was educated at the Graham School, Chicago; Lake High School, Chicago; University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor—graduated from latter, 1896.

The following offices have been held by him in the past: Attorney for Township of Lake, 1898-1899; Assistant City Attorney, 1903-1904; Representative in Congress, 1905-1906; Lecturer in Public Schools, under direction of Chicago Daily News, 1908-1912; Attorney State Factory Inspector, 1910-1911.

Be sure and vote for him on Wednesday, September 13th, for one of the judges of the Municipal Court.



SANDY W. TRICE.

Trustee of Bethel church, 30th and Dearborn streets, property owner and President of the Frank O. Lowden Club.

THE FRANK O. LOWDEN CLUB.

Sandy W. Trice, Chief Usher at the Ill. Central 12th St. Station and the following men organized the Frank O. Lowden Club last August, a year ago. Since then they have enrolled more than 300 loyal members. They

expect to increase their number to 500 before election.

Sandy W. Trice, Pres.; Spencer Watts, vice pres.; Jas. Tyndall, vice pres.; R. I. Collins, vice pres.; E. G. Jordan, vice pres.; Wm. R. Ferguson, Treas.; Jas. L. Robinson, Sec.; Juan W. Bell, Cor. Sec.; John Ferguson, Sergeant at Arms.

RUSSEL ACCUSED OF FAVORING KIN.

OFFICE RECORDS CITED.
A. F. Franks Says Other Treasurers Turned More Interest Into State.

A. F. Franks, a fellow townsman of Andrew Russel of Jacksonville, projected himself last night into the G. O. P. fray for state auditor. He accused Mr. Russel of putting his wife and son on the state pay rolls during his first term as state treasurer. He followed this up with a charge that in his present campaign for state auditor, Mr. Russel has adopted the "rabbit shepherd's squad plan that was worked during the regime of Richard Yates, and has a corps of state employees touring the commonwealth, tacking up Russel campaign lithographs and distributing campaign blandishments and arguments.

SENDS OUT STATEMENT.

Mr. Franks' attack came in the form of a statement sent to several candidates for state office and to the offices of Chicago newspapers. Mr. Franks, who is in the cigar business at Jacksonville, prefaces his charges with a remark that he has been stirred by a recent campaign item setting forth that Mr. Russel has turned in more interest money than any of his predecessors as state treasurer.

"Here is a statement procured from the records of the state and part of it from personal observation and part from reliable information," writes Franks. "This is the amount of in-

terest each treasurer turned over to the state during his term of office, although Mr. Russel's last term includes only nineteen months or up to Aug. 1 last.

John E. Smulski, two years..	\$169,514.97
Andrew Russel, two years..	90,306.42
E. E. Mitchell, two years..	166,221.93
W. Ryan Jr., two years..	173,900.00
Andrew Russel, 19 months..	127,900.00

"Below is a table of how much money each treasurer received during his respective term and will give an idea which treasurer should turn in the most money:

John E. Smulski.....	\$19,689,119.05
Andrew Russel.....	20,376,979.92
E. E. Mitchell.....	25,156,558.45
William Ryan Jr.,.....	31,440,918.65

Andrew Russel not available at this time.

SON ON PAY ROLL.

"A copy of Andrew Russel's pay roll when he was made treasurer the first time shows one Robbins Russel drawing \$75 per month. Mr. Russel has a son by that name. C. R. Russel was on the pay roll drawing \$250 per month.

"Dan Mowery of Freeport, on pay roll as watchman, is devoting his time in the interest of Mr. Russel. E. E. Nicholson of Beardstown, Ill., is out looking after inheritance tax for the state by putting up Mr. Russel's picture. Also, Frank Vickery of Jacksonville is doing the same thing as Mr. Nicholson. These two gentlemen are in the employ of Mr. Russel in the treasurer's office and I assume the people are paying their salaries."



REV. W. D. COOK, D.D., P. S., THE ELOQUENT AND POPULAR PASTOR OF BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH, CHICAGO.



MADAM E. AZALIA HACKLEY.

Director of Normal Vocal Institute, 3019 Calumet avenue, one of the most talented song birds of the Afro-American race.